provisions have withstood reasonably well the test of time. It is felt that the Centre-State relations are evolutionary in nature and provisions of the Constitution governing them have to be under constant review. The Constitution has been amended number of times to adjust its working to the changing situations.

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Amla Cultivation

1400. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have been assisting the States for increasing Amla cultivation;

(b) if so, the States where best varieties of amla are grown;

(c) whether there is a great demand for Amla in the international market in view of its rich nutritional and medicinal value; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to increase area under amla cultivation

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is no Central assistance for the cultivation of Amla. Under All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Arid Zone fruits being implemented by ICAR two improved varieties of Amla have been released, which are superior in yield and quality to existing cultivation.

(b) Amla is grown extensively throughout the country. However, commercial cultivation of Amla is most popular in Uttar Pradesh. The best commercial varieties are Banarasi, Chakaya & Hathijool. The two improved varieties are Krishna and Kanchan.

(c) and (d). Information on the international demand for Amla has not been assessed seperately.

International Co-operation for Economic Development

1401. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minster of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present level of South-South Co-operation as a proportion of the South-North Co[illegible]eration;

(b) whether any modalities have been identified by G-15 countries for placing the area of international co-operation for economic development at th core of the agenda for multilateral co-operation;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) whether these modalities have been placed before the developed countries and the international community;

(e) if so, the results achieved so far; and

(f) the role played by India in identifying these modalities and in multilateral negotiations on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The existing level of South-South Co-operation is far below its real potential. Government believes that such co-operation is important for the purpose of accelerating the development of developing countries, harnessing the complementarities in their economies, attaining collective self-reliance and building their counter-veiling power in their negotiations with developed countries. The